

2005

Wisconsin Public Hunting Grounds with Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations



2005 pheasant stamp art by Terry Doughty

Attention Pheasant Hunters:

In an effort to further reduce costs and allow these funds to be used for other wildlife management activities, the Department of Natural Resources has decided to offer the information in this pamphlet in other formats. This year, 2005, will be the last year that this pamphlet will be published. Instead, the special pheasant hunting regulations and the properties that will be stocked will be included in the annual *Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations* pamphlet. The individual property maps will be available to print off the department website at dnr.wi.gov, at DNR Service Centers, or by calling the Bureau of Wildlife Management at 608-266-8204. The annual pheasant stamp contest winner will now appear on the cover of the *Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations* pamphlet.

Important

Blaze orange required: All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) are required to meet the blaze orange clothing requirements described on page 5 during the gun deer hunting seasons. This includes:

- The regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons.*
- The 4-day antlerless only gun hunts (Oct. 27–30 & Dec. 8–11) in Zone T units.
- The October 29 one-day youth deer hunt in non-Zone T, and non-CWD units.
- The Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) control hunts in the Disease Eradication Zone and Herd Reduction Zone (See map on page 5).*

*For a list of units and dates refer to the *2005 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*.



PUB-WM-003 2005

Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Pheasant hunting on the properties listed in this pamphlet are subject to one or both of the following rules (except those listed on page 16):

- 2 P.M. close of hunting hours, October 17 through November 3
- Hen/rooster hunting permit and tags required

This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's pheasant hunting regulations; it is not a complete set of laws.

Visit the WDNR website at dnr.wi.gov

Dear Pheasant Hunter:

The Department is planning to stock selected public hunting grounds this year with approximately 34,000 game farm pheasants. This is an increase from 2004 when we stocked 19,000 game farm pheasants. Stocking efforts combined with good recruitment, and habitat improvement projects funded by pheasant stamp dollars, should provide us with some excellent hunting opportunities to look forward to this fall.

This pamphlet includes a description of those Public Hunting Grounds with special regulations and a list of other Public Hunting Grounds where pheasants will be released. Please read this pamphlet and be aware of which public hunting grounds have a 2 p.m. closure and/or allow hen pheasant hunting. Remember that all pheasant hunters within the Pheasant Management Zone are required to have a pheasant stamp.

As in the past, all pheasant hunters will need to wear at least 50% blaze orange clothing above the waist during the regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons from November 19 through December 7 statewide. Pheasant hunters must also follow the blaze orange requirement during the October 29 Youth Deer Hunt, the special deer hunt October 27-October 30 in Zone T DMUs, and additionally December 8-December 11 in Zone T DMUs south of Hwy. 8. Also, be aware of special seasons within the Chronic Wasting Disease Eradication and Herd Reduction Zones (see map on page 5).

Additionally, now that Bong Recreational Area is within the newly expanded CWD Herd Reduction Zone, extended deer hunting opportunities will be available on the property. Please remember that all pheasant hunters are required to wear blaze orange during these hunts. Contact Bong Recreational Area for more information.

Pheasant hunters will also want to take note that this is the last year we plan to print the Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations. You will be able to find the same information in the annual Small Game Hunting Regulations or on our website at: dnr.wi.gov.

Before, during and after the hunt, promote safe and ethical hunting among your friends, relatives, and hunting partners. The future of hunting depends on you.

*Andrea Mezera
Assistant Upland Wildlife Ecologist*

Pheasant Management Zone

Note: Portions of Eau Claire and Pepin Counties are now included in the pheasant management zone. See page 22 of the *2005 Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations* for a map of the pheasant management zone.

Pheasant Stamp Requirement

A pheasant stamp (the fee of \$7.25 for resident and nonresident is subject to change due to the pending budget proposal) is required to hunt pheasants in the Pheasant Management Zone, in addition to a Small Game or Sports license. **Note:** Holders of Conservation Patron licenses, qualified U.S. Armed Forces members, Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders, and first-year Wisconsin resident hunter safety course graduates are exempt from the stamp requirement. See pages 7 & 8 in the *2005 Small Game Hunting Regulations* for more details. Currently, pheasant stamp funds are earmarked for wild pheasant restoration projects such as wild pheasant releases and habitat development.

Season Dates and Hunting Hours

Season Dates: October 15 (noon)–December 31, 2005*

Bag Limits: October 15–16; 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4.

Hunting Hours: Opening Day for ALL areas: 12:00 noon to close of normal hunting hours 20 minutes after sunset.** Remainder of season follows normal small game hunting hours except for 2:00 P.M. Closure Areas (see page 3). From October 17–November 3, legal hunting closes at 2:00 P.M. on these properties; normal hunting hours begin on November 3 and continue until the season ends on December 31, 2005.

* Firearm hunting for pheasants is prohibited on November 18, the day before the nine-day gun deer season, except in the CWD Eradication Zone.

** See *2005 Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations* (pages 28–31) for small game hunting hours table.

Why the 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure?

Closing a hunting area at 2:00 P.M. allows the DNR to release pheasants when they are not subject to hunting pressure. This improves stocking and distribution techniques and gives the birds more time to orient to their new surroundings. This helps provide a higher quality hunt.

**SUPPORT ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE HUNTING
REPORT VIOLATIONS**

Call 1-800-847-9367

Toll Free Statewide 24-hour Confidential
(This is not an information number.)

2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 P.M. daily pheasant hunting closure time from October 17 (third day of the season)–November 3. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

Name	Counties
■ Allenton Wildlife Area	Washington
■ Brooklyn Wildlife Area	Dane and Green
■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area	Kewaunee
■ Dunnville Wildlife Area	Dunn
■ Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area	Fond Du Lac
■ Goose Lake Wildlife Area	Dane
■ Grand River Wildlife Area	Green Lake and Marquette
■ Holland Wildlife Area	Brown
■ Horicon Wildlife Area	Dodge
■ Jackson Wildlife Area	Washington
■ Killsnake Wildlife Area	Calumet and Manitowoc
■ Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Dane
■ Mud Lake Wildlife Area	Dodge
■ New Munster Wildlife Area	Kenosha
■ Nichols Creek Wildlife Area	Sheboygan
■ Scuppernong	Waukesha
■ Theresa Wildlife Area	Dodge and Washington
■ Tichigan Wildlife Area	Racine
■ Vernon Wildlife Area	Waukesha
■ White River Wildlife Area	Green Lake and Marquette

Why Hen Stocking and Hunting?

Stocking and hunting hen pheasants on certain properties increases the effective use of surplus hen chicks produced by the State Game Farm. Most game farm pheasants have been raised in captivity for many generations, and do not survive or reproduce well enough in the wild to justify rearing them for release to bolster natural reproduction.

Raising surplus hens for hunting provides additional pheasant hunting opportunities at less expense than producing more roosters.

Hen hunting properties were selected because they are located outside the wild pheasant management range. It is illegal to shoot hen pheasants anywhere else in Wisconsin, except on licensed bird hunting preserves, or under the authority of a bird dog training license. Such shooting would harm Wisconsin's wild pheasant population. Please report all illegal shooting using the toll-free hotline listed in this pamphlet.

Hen-Rooster Hunting Regulations

Applicable on Hen-Rooster areas only.

1. You must obtain pheasant tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on listed properties. There is no charge for these tags and they can be obtained at any DNR Service Center and some license agents located near the public hunting ground.
2. The permit sticker (labeled "L") at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
3. Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas.
4. The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
5. Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant's leg, between the foot and the knee joint.
6. Both sexes must be tagged. This minimizes the temptation to discard one bird for another because of sex, size or condition.
7. The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 15 and 16 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 17 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs which state that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

Name	County
■ Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Iowa
■ Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Grant
■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area	Kewaunee
■ Kettle Moraine State Forest	Waukesha
■ Kickapoo Valley Reserve	Vernon
■ Pine River Public Hunting Grounds	Richland
■ Scuppernong	Waukesha
■ Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)	Chippewa
■ Vernon Wildlife Area	Waukesha

Note: Blackhawk Lake Recreational Area is now a rooster-only property and does not require a special pheasant hunting permit or tags.

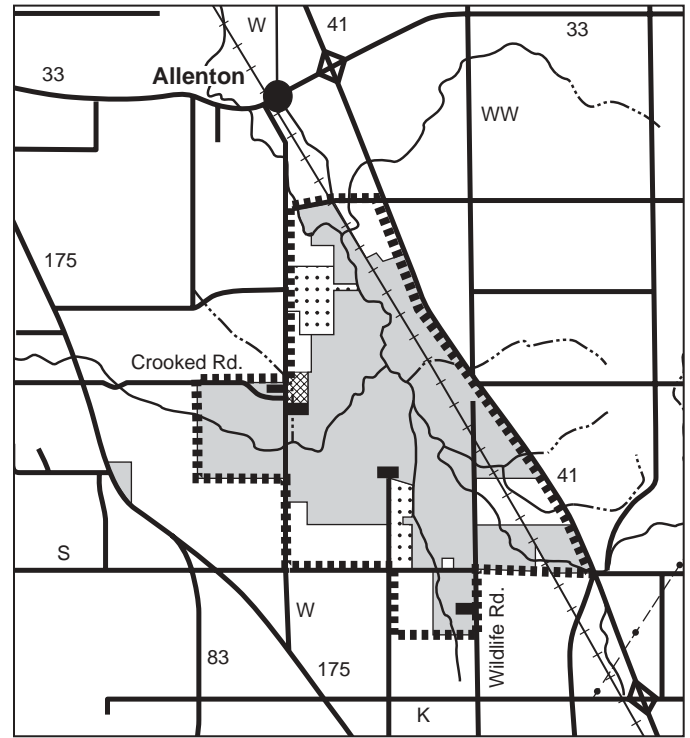
Bong State Recreation Area Regulations

The Bong Recreation Area no longer sells licenses, so hunters should have their licenses and pheasant stamps ahead of time. Bong State Recreation Area, located in north central Kenosha County, offers hen-rooster pheasant hunting with the following requirements and rules:

- 1) Daily or annual vehicle admission fee:

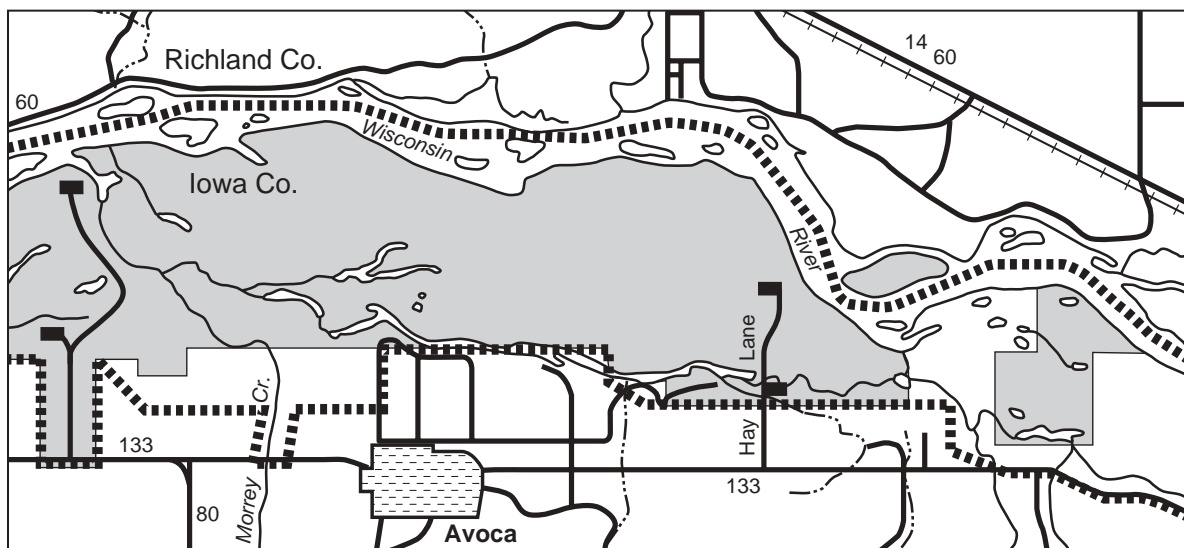
resident	\$5.00 daily, \$20.00 annual
resident senior citizen	\$3.00 daily, \$10.00 annual
nonresident	\$10.00 daily, \$30.00 annual
- 2) Additional pheasant hunting fee: \$3.00 per person per day.
Hunting permit and tags are issued upon payment of fees.
- 3) Pheasant hunting hours:
 - October 15 – Noon to 6:30 P.M.
 - October 16 – December 31–9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- 4) Daily bag – one, either sex for the first 2 days; two, either sex, thereafter.
- 5) Possession – one (1) the first day and double the daily bag limit thereafter.

Daily hunting permits are issued as follows: During the first 2 days of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued may not exceed 300. Beginning with the 3rd day of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued may not exceed 300 until 11:30 am. After 11:30 am, additional hunting permits may be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.










Allenton Wildlife Area
Washington County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



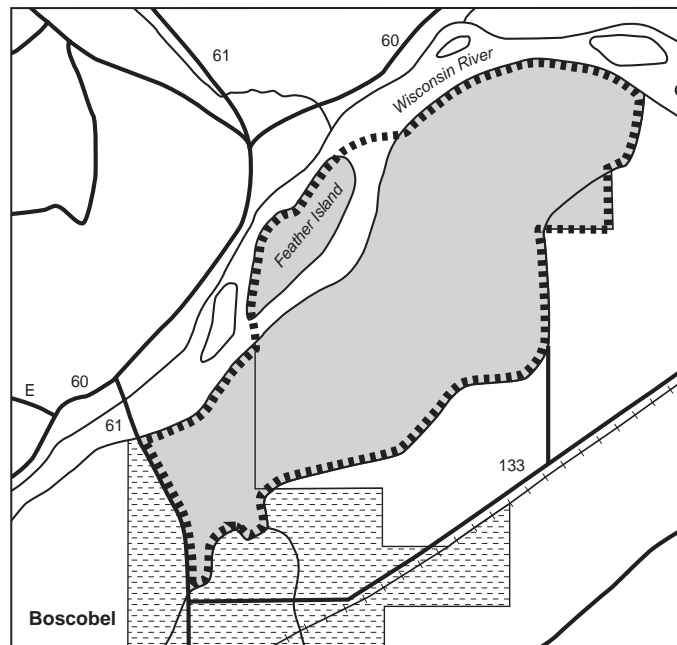
Avoca Unit: Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
Iowa County

(Permit)

KEY	
	Parking
	Federal or State-Owned Lands
	No Hunting (except deer during gun season)
	No Hunting at Any Time
	Leased or eased for Public Hunting
	Municipality
	Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
(2 p.m.)	The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
(Permit)	Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
(Both)	Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.

Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

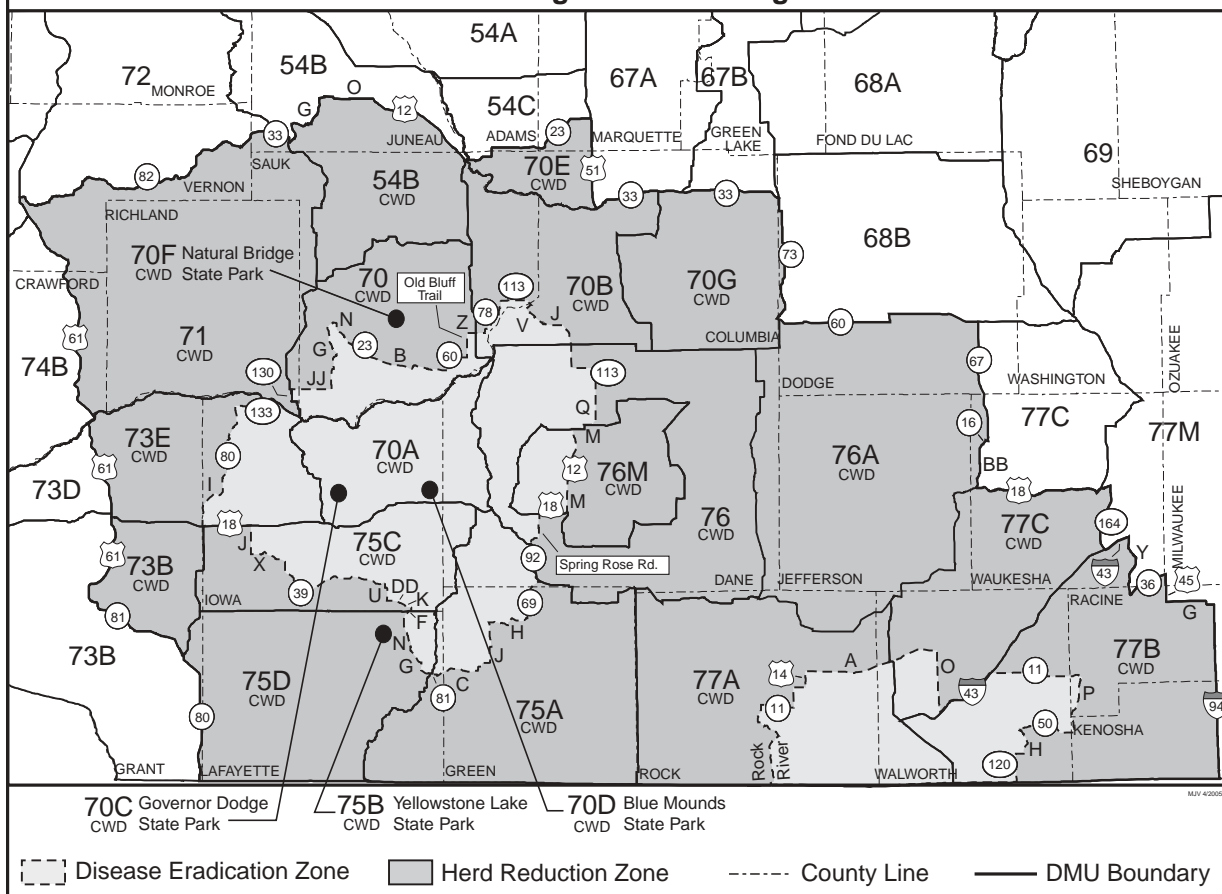
During the nine-day firearm, Zone T, muzzle-loader deer seasons, or CWD control hunts, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.



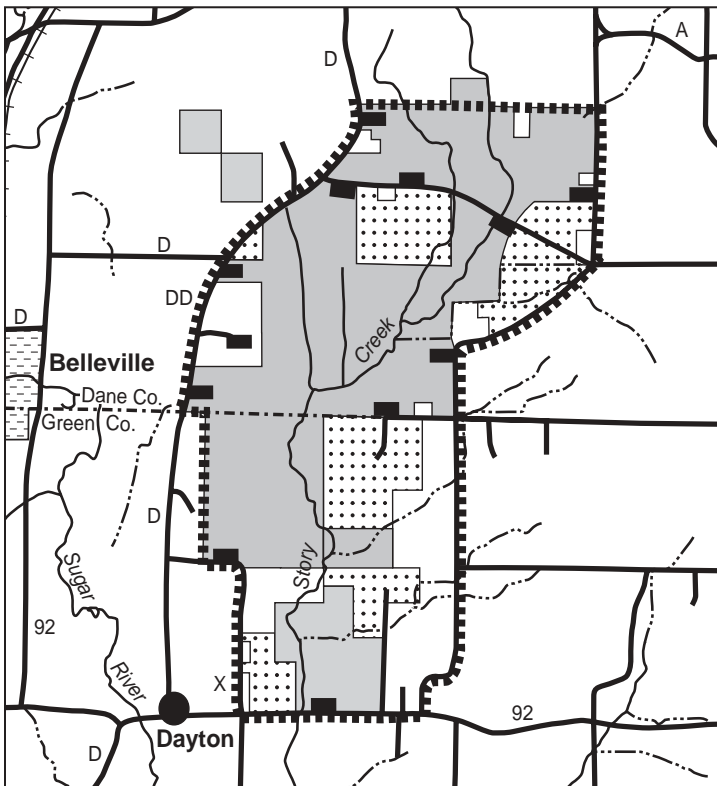
Boscobel Unit
Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
Grant County

(Permit)

2005 Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones

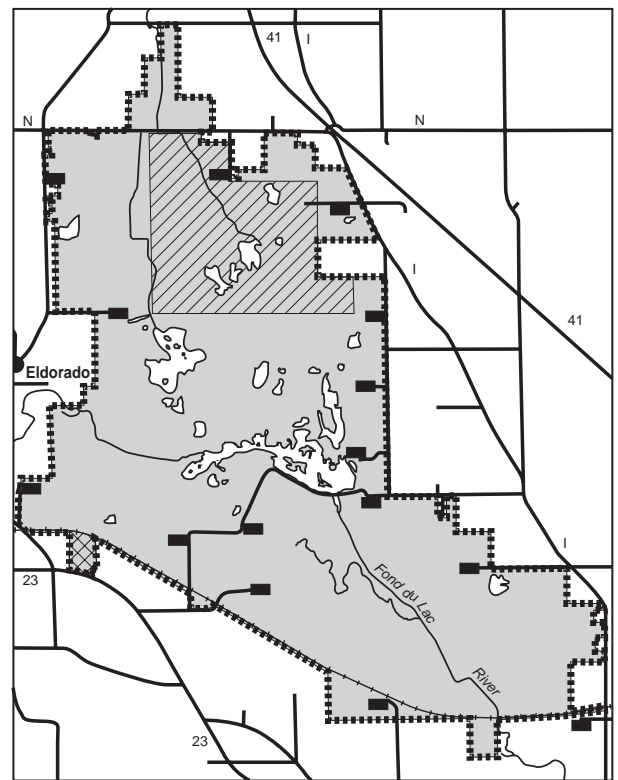


Note: CWD Zone boundaries may change.



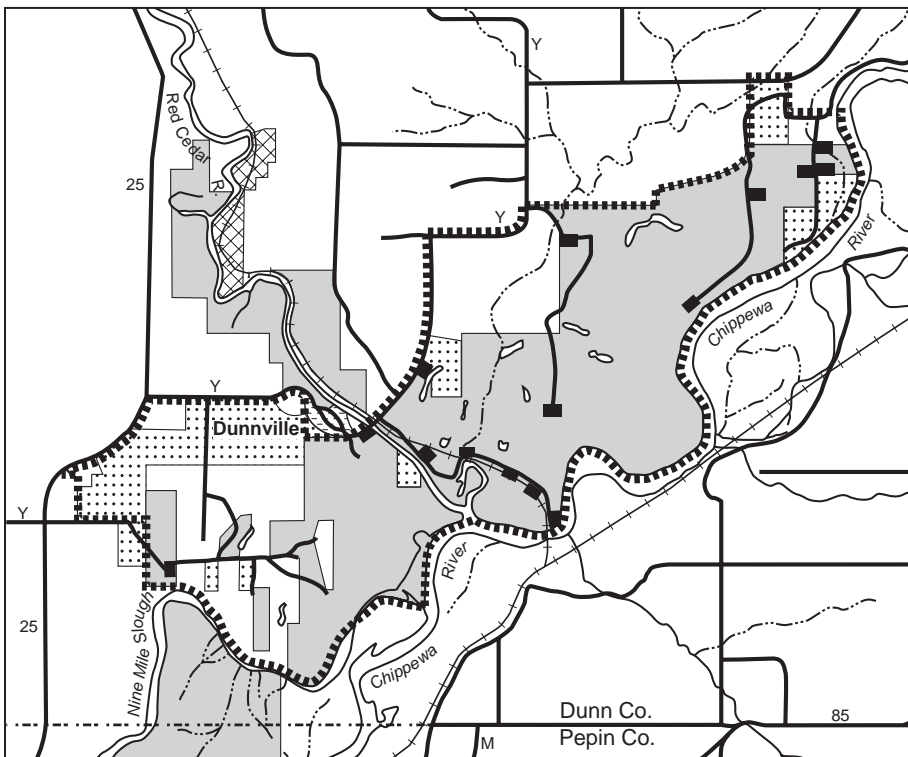
Brooklyn Wildlife Area
Dane and Green Counties
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area
Fond du Lac County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



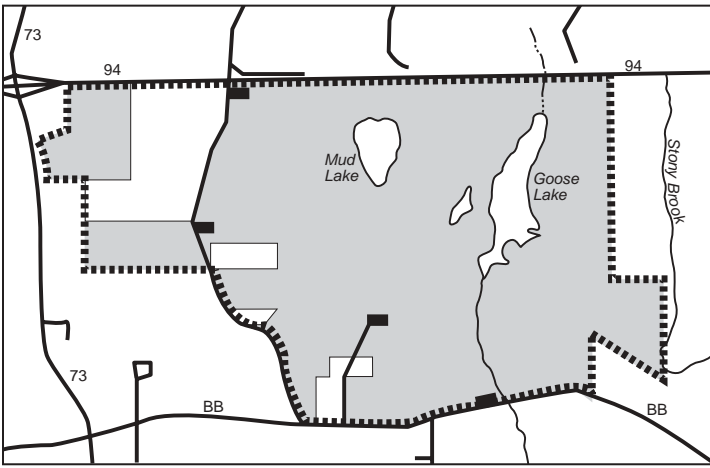
Dunnville Wildlife Area
Dunn County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)

KEY	
■ Parking Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
■ Federal or State-Owned Lands	(2 p.m.) The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
▨ No Hunting (except deer during gun season)	(Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
▩ No Hunting at Any Time	(Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.
▤ Leased or eased for Public Hunting	
▦ Municipality	

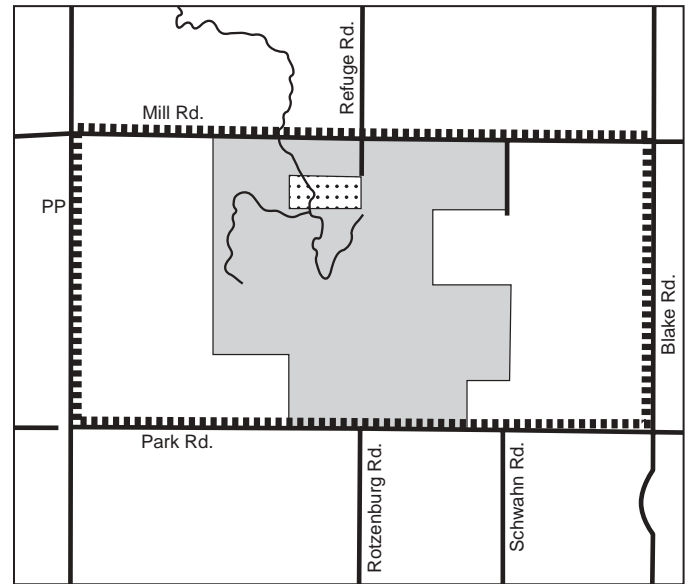
Attention Hunters!

Be sure to get permission
before entering any
private property!



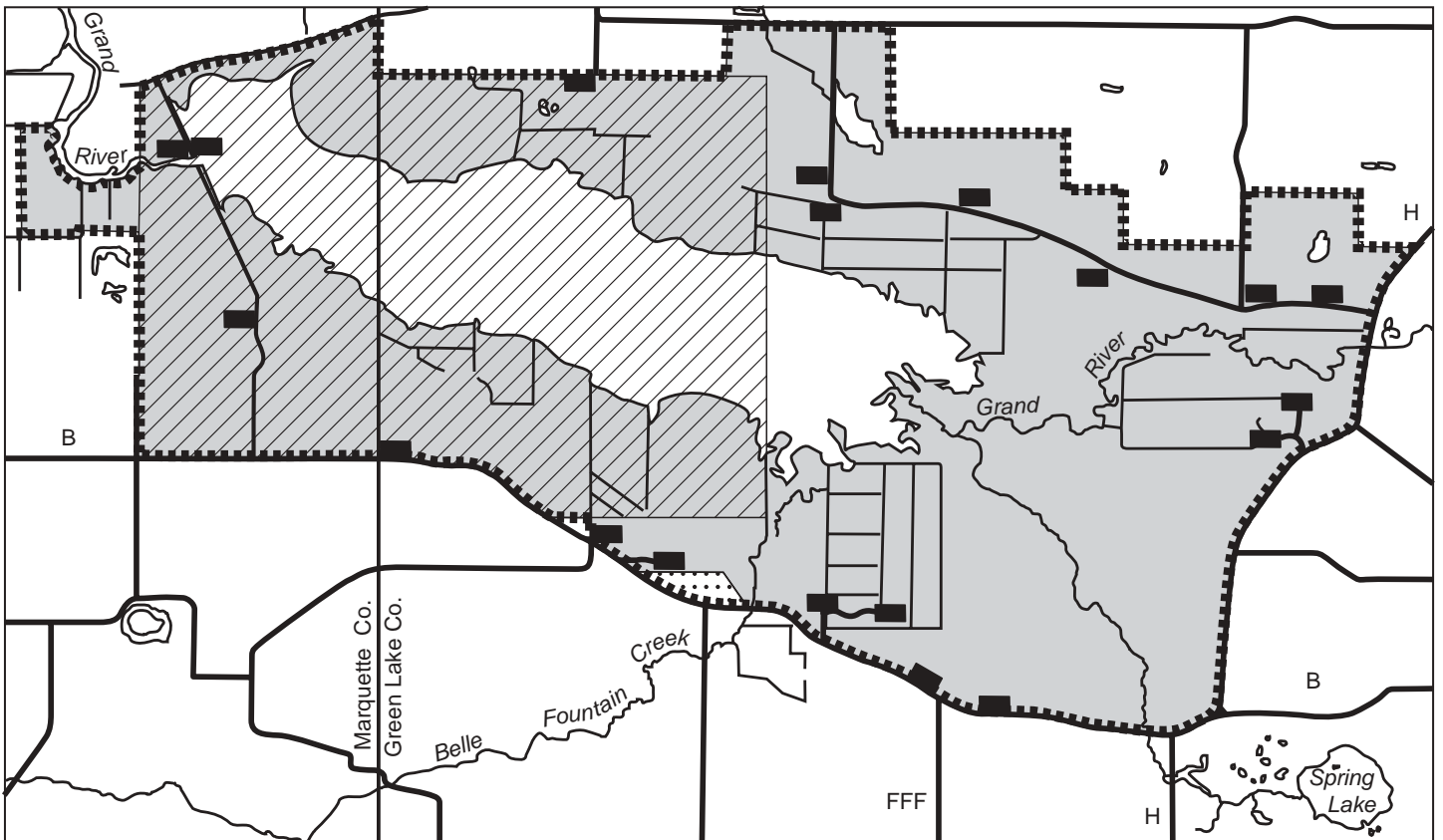
Goose Lake Wildlife Area
Dane County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



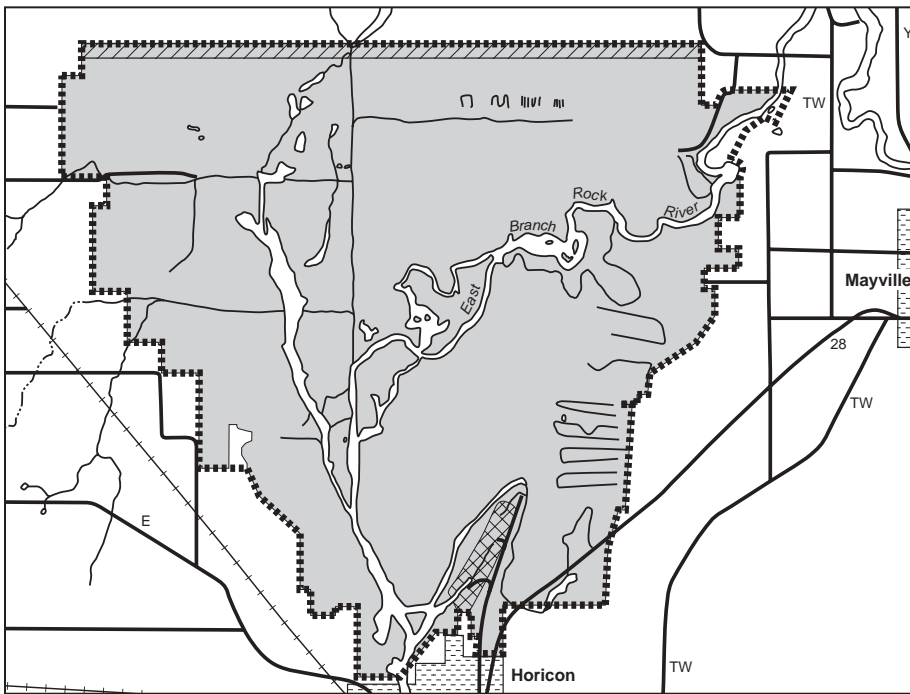
Holland Wildlife Area
Brown County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area
Marquette and Green Lake Counties
Pheasant stamp required

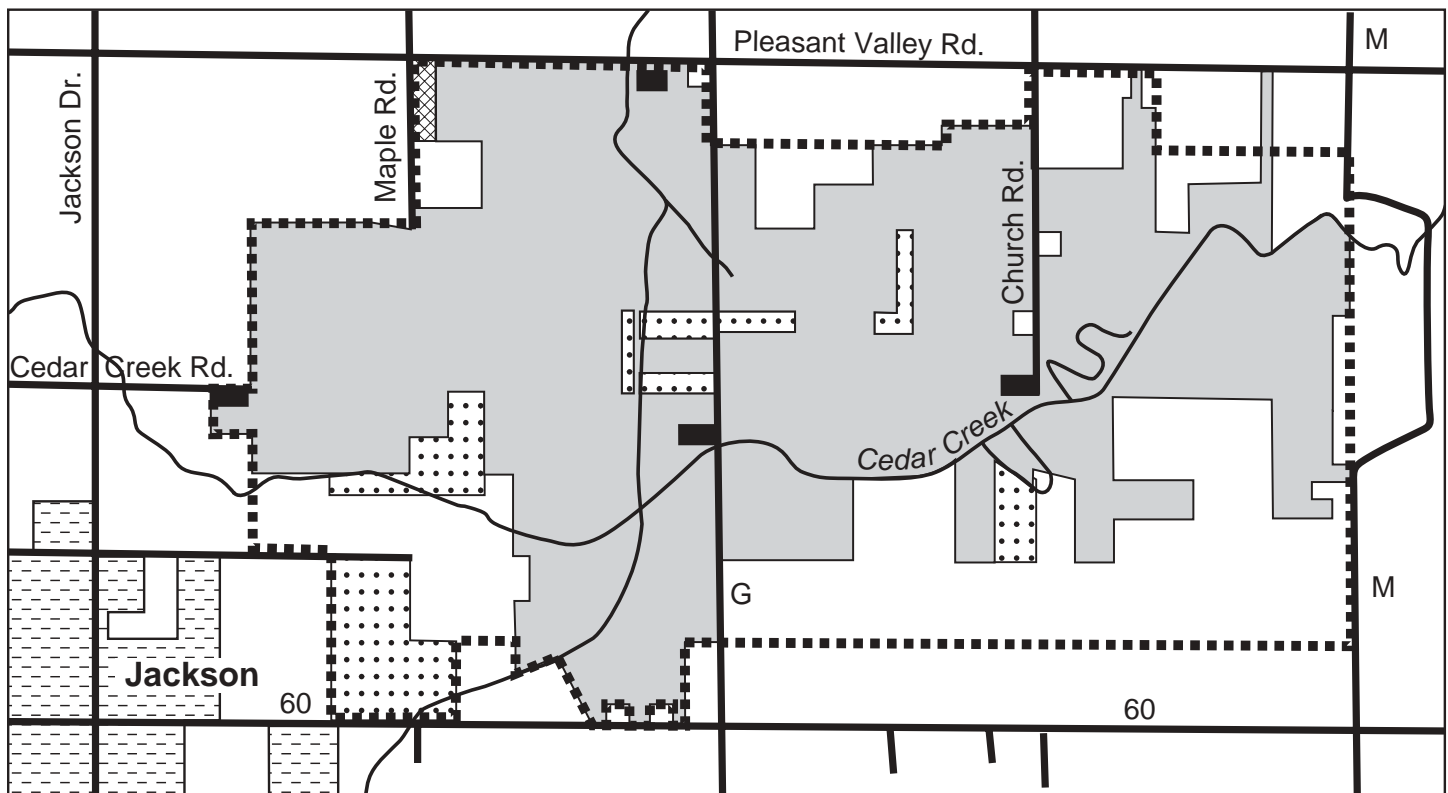
(2 P.M.)



KEY	
■ Parking Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
■ Federal or State-Owned Lands	(2 p.m.) The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
▨ No Hunting (except deer during gun season)	(Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
▩ No Hunting at Any Time	(Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.
▤ Leased or eased for Public Hunting	
▦ Municipality	

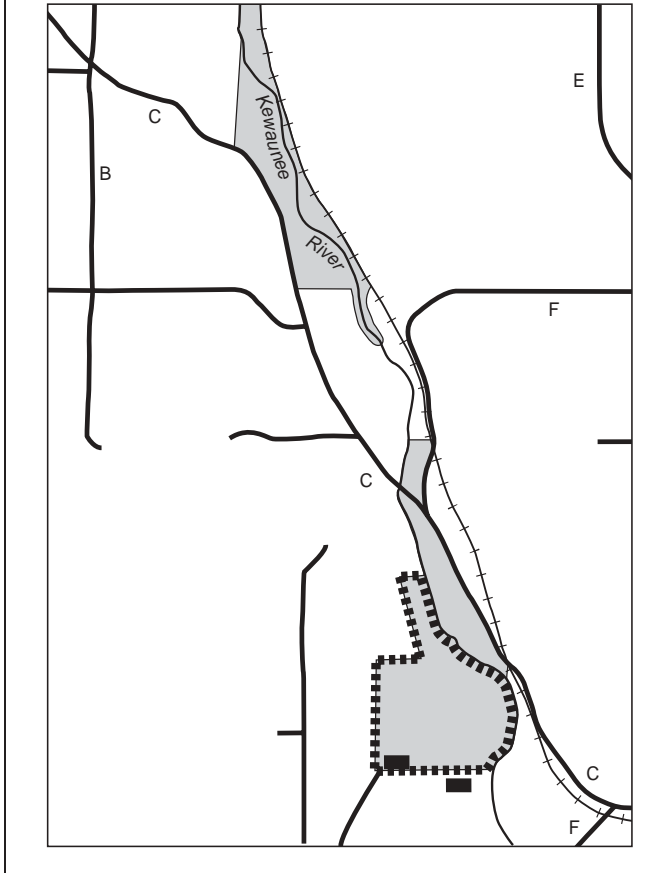
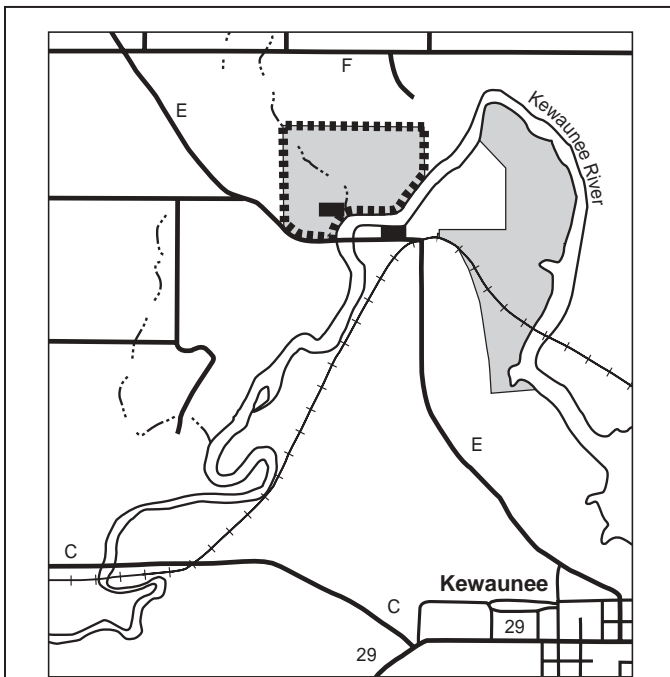
Horicon Wildlife Area
Dodge County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



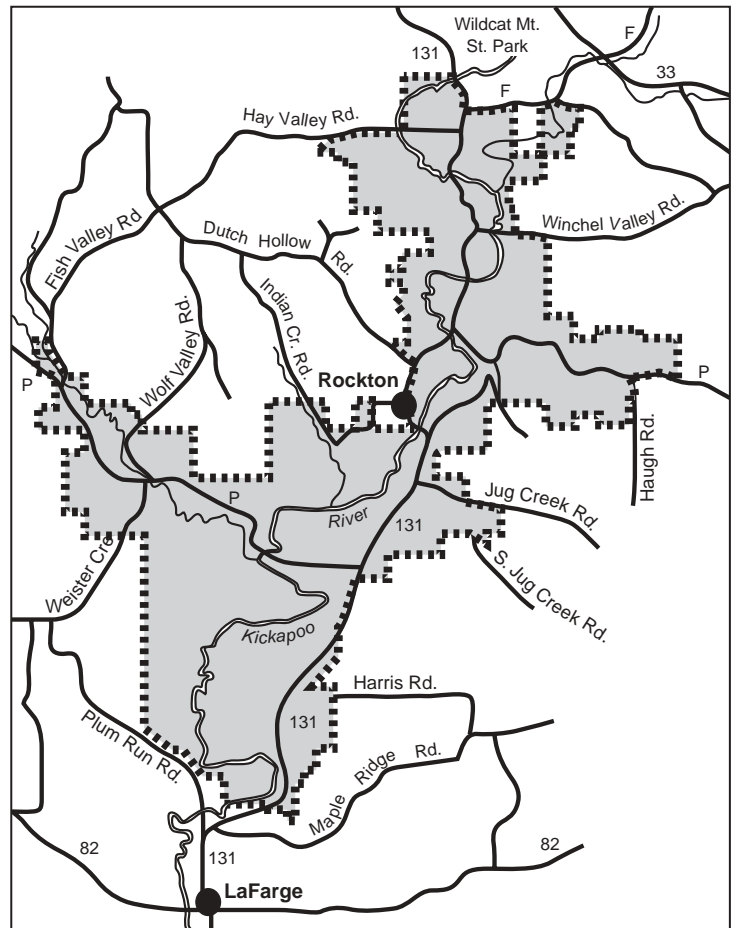
Jackson Marsh Wildlife Area
Washington County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)



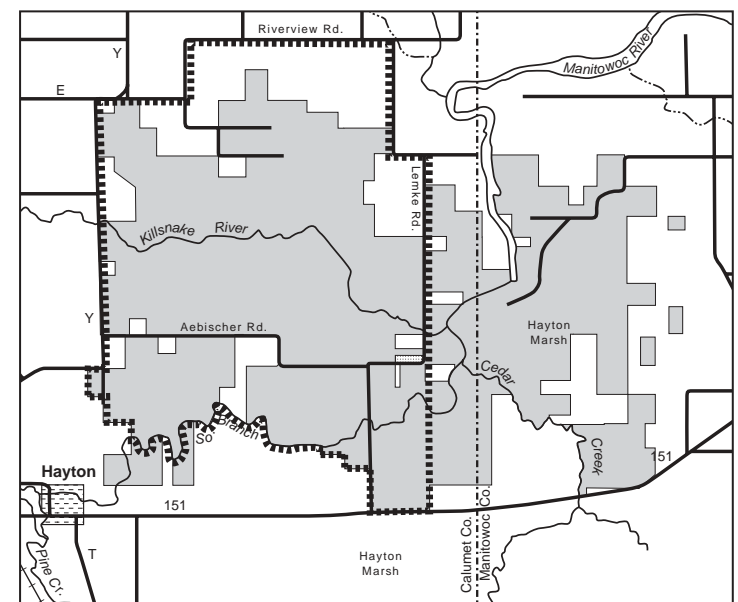
Kewaunee Unit
C.D. "Buzz" Besadny
Fish and Wildlife Area
Kewaunee County

(Both)



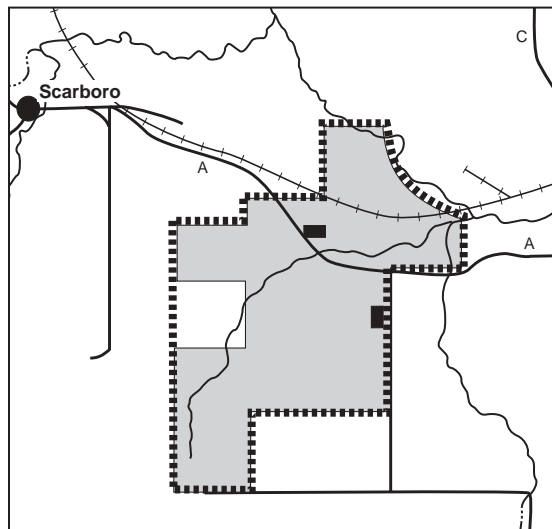
Kickapoo Valley Reserve
Vernon County

(Permit)



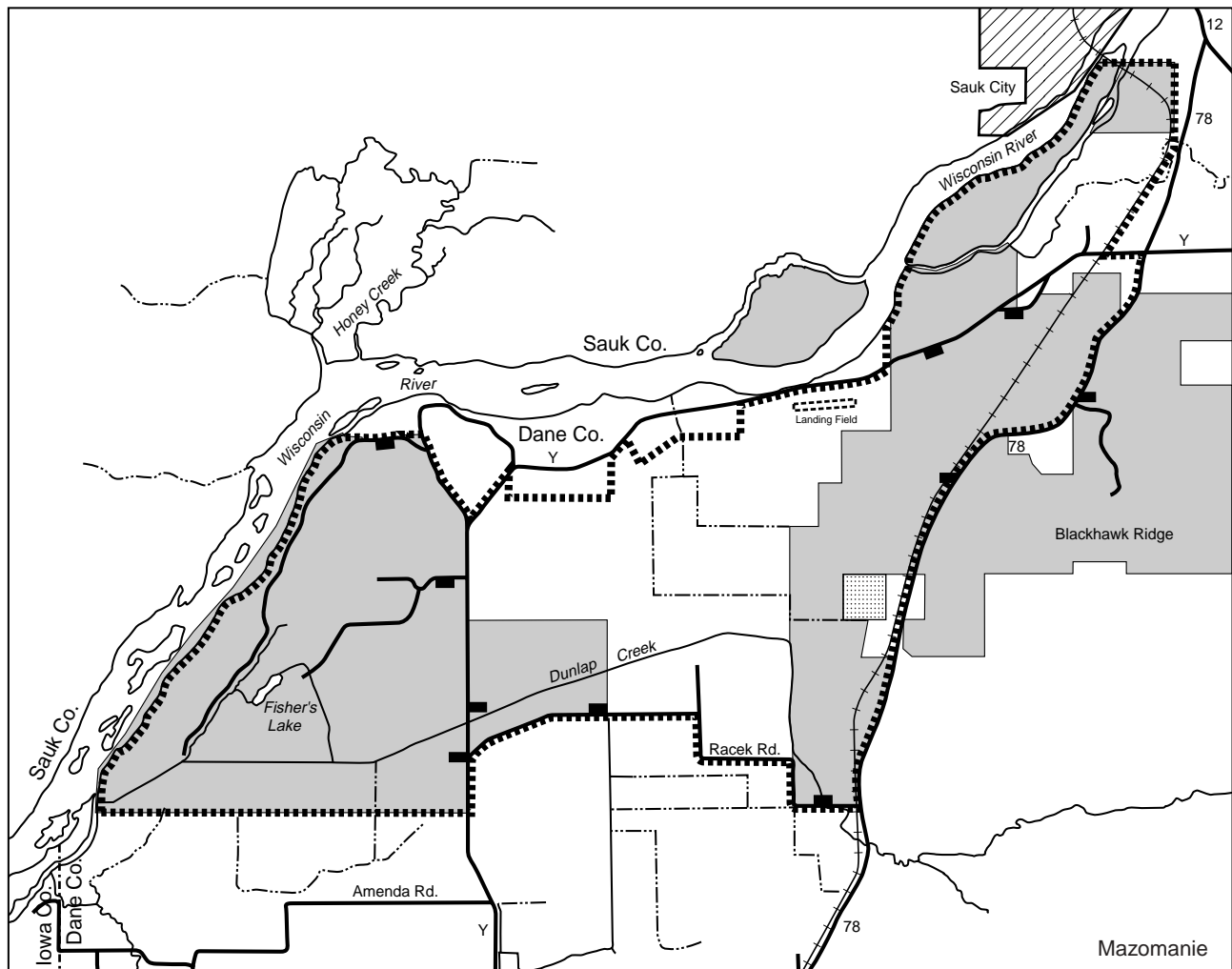
Killsnake Wildlife Area
Calumet and Manitowoc Counties
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)

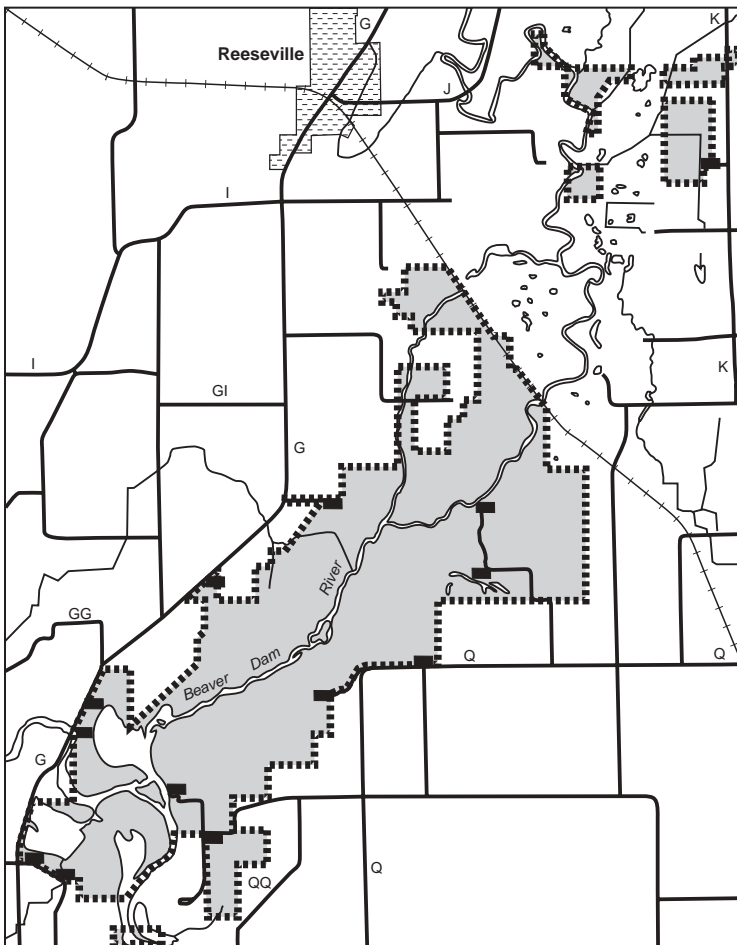


KEY	
■ Parking Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
■ Federal or State-Owned Lands	(2 p.m.) The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
▨ No Hunting (except deer during gun season)	(Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
▩ No Hunting at Any Time	(Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.
▤ Leased or eased for Public Hunting	
▦ Municipality	

Little Scarboro Unit
C.D. "Buzz" Besadny
Fish & Wildlife Area
Kewaunee County (Both)

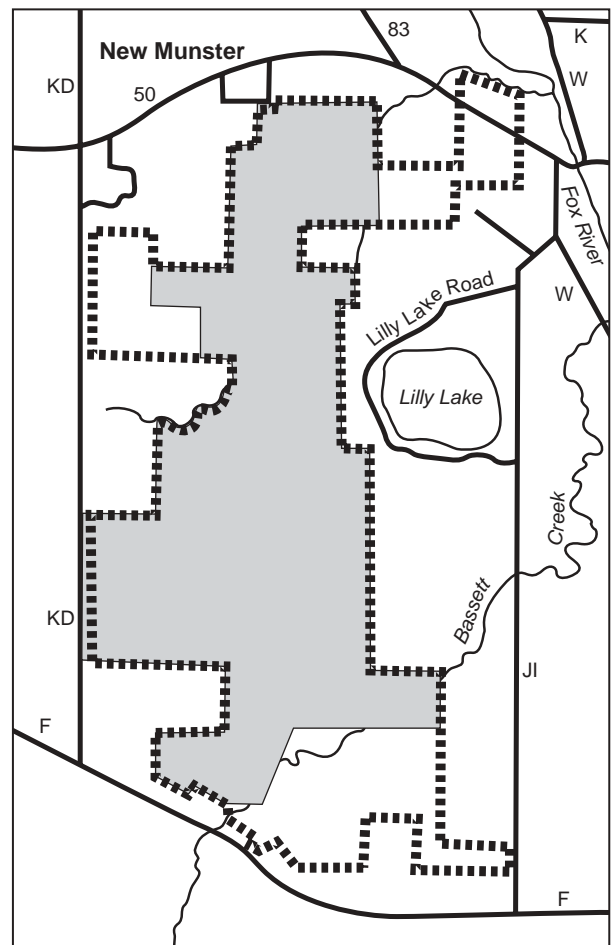


Mazomanie Wildlife Area Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
Dane County (2 P.M.)
Pheasant stamp required



Mud Lake Wildlife Area
Dodge County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)

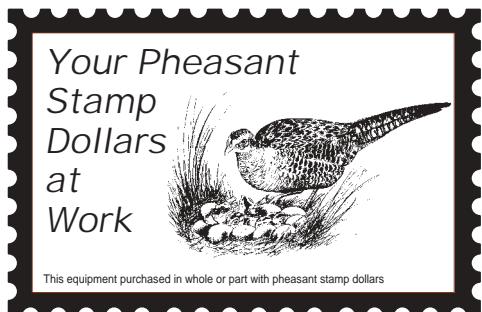


New Munster Wildlife Area
Kenosha County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)

Your Pheasant Stamp Dollars at Work

Private Property
Access by permission only



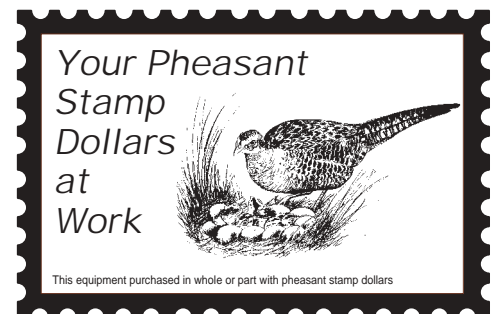
The habitat management at this site was funded in whole or part with pheasant stamp dollars

Attention Hunters!

Look for these signs placed at many locations where pheasant stamp dollars were used to create habitat. Since pheasant stamp dollars can be used on both public and private land, be sure to get permission before entering any private land.

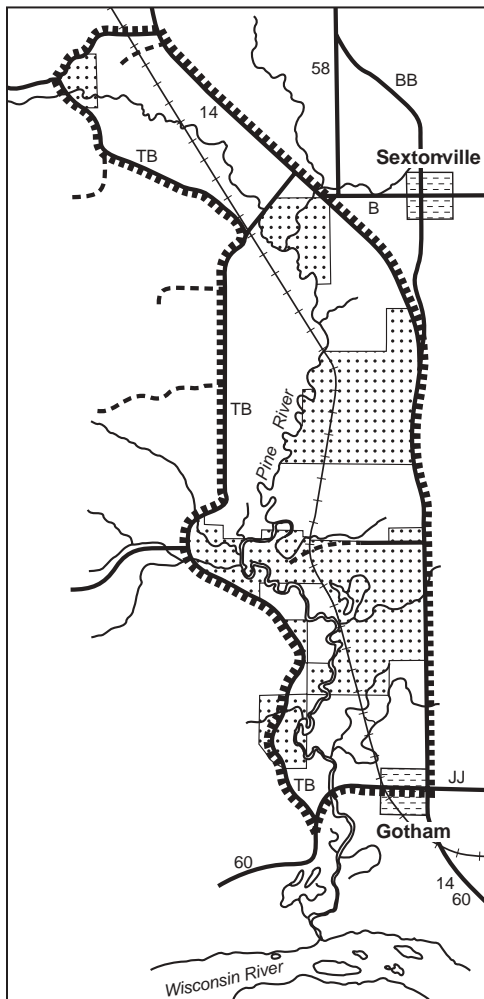
Your Pheasant Stamp Dollars at Work

Public Property



The habitat management at this site was funded in whole or part with pheasant stamp dollars

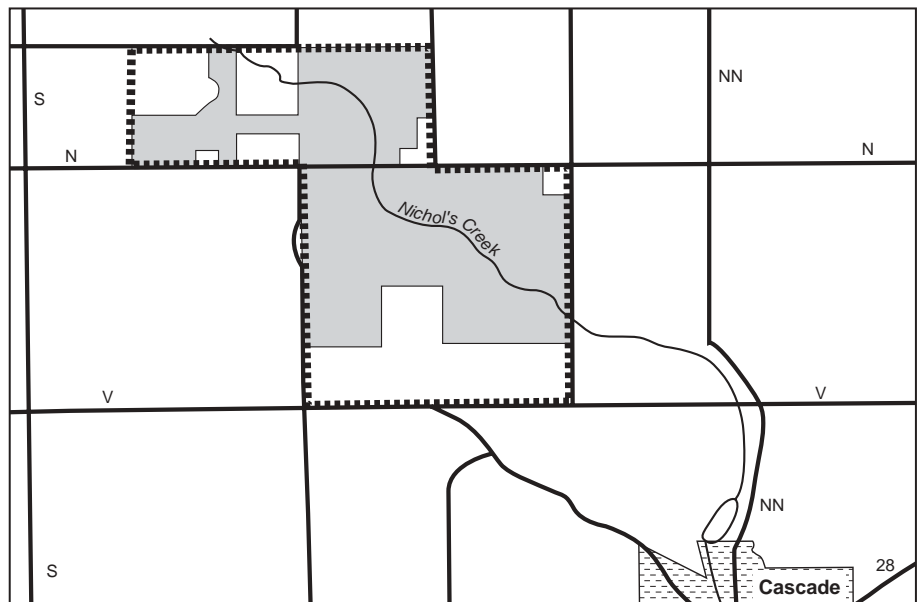
KEY	
■ Parking Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
■ Federal or State-Owned Lands	(2 p.m.) The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
▨ No Hunting (except deer during gun season)	(Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
▨ No Hunting at Any Time	(Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.
▨ Leased or eased for Public Hunting	
▨ Municipality	



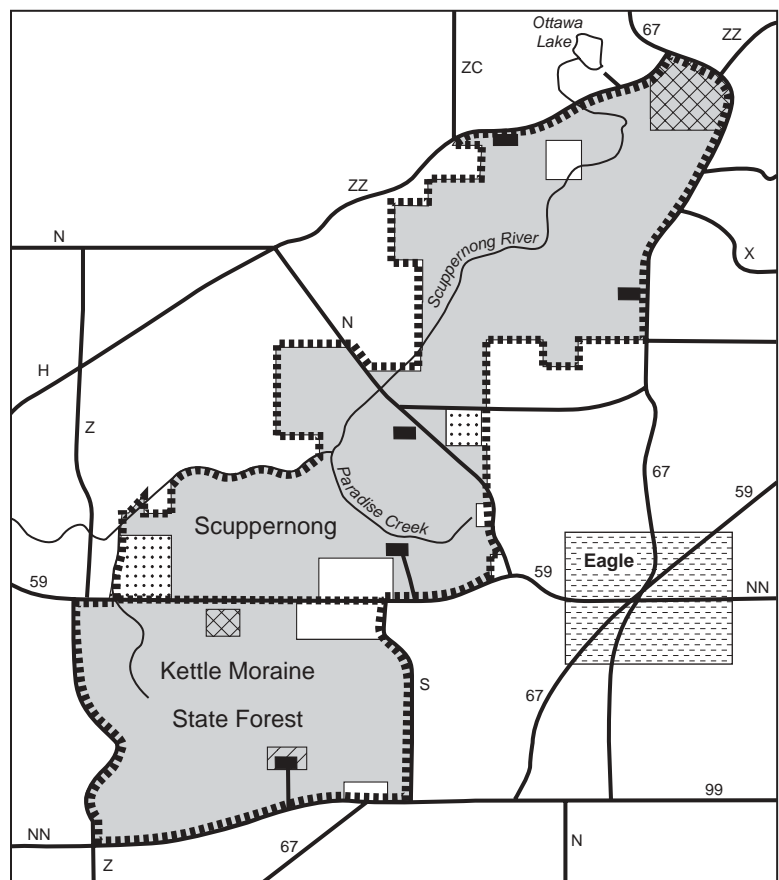
Pine River Public Hunting Grounds*
Richland County (Permit)

Note: The department will not be stocking pheasants on this property in 2005.

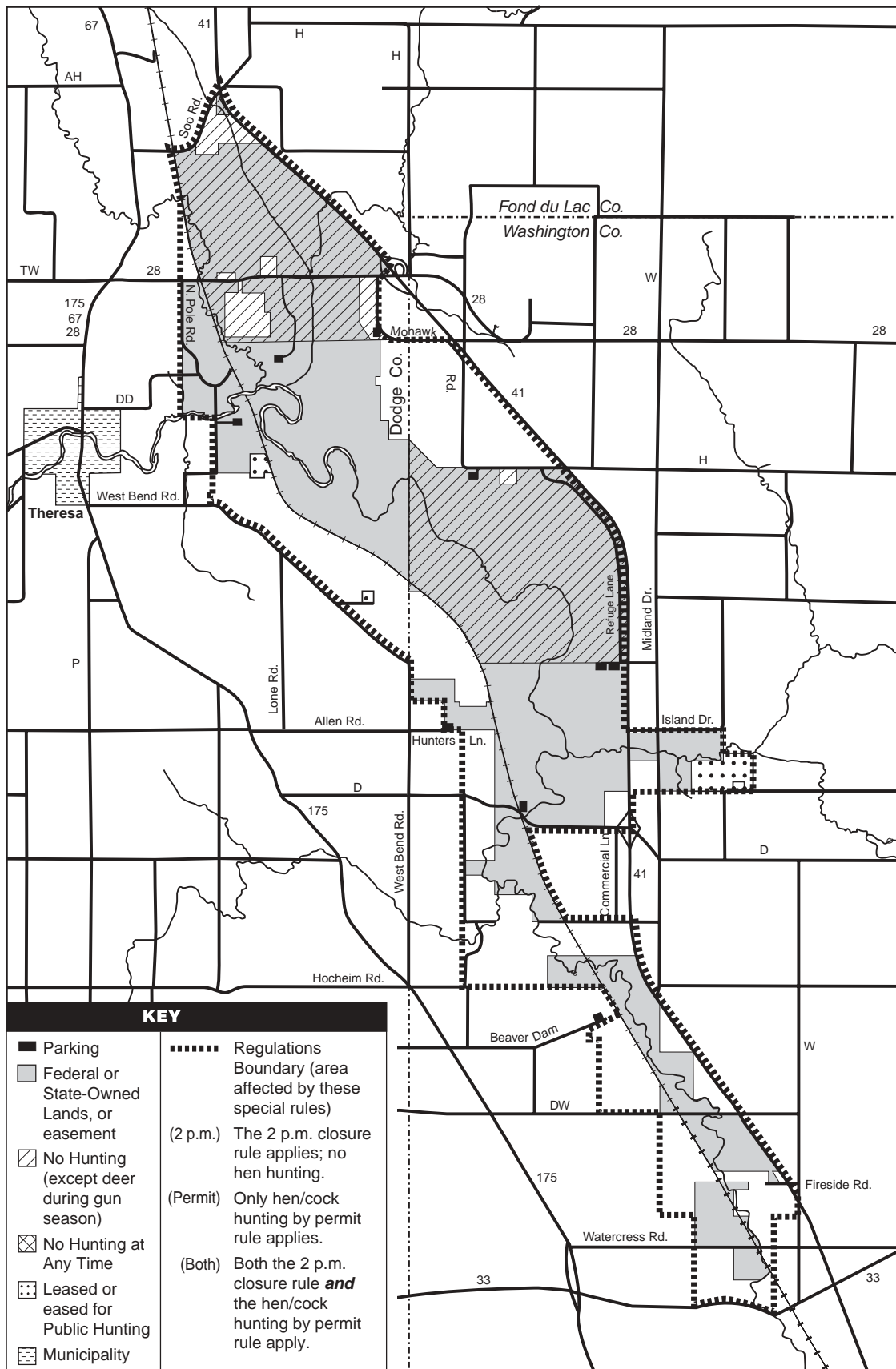
*Note: Many of the annual public hunting leases were not renewed this year. Please be aware of signs which identify areas open to public pheasant hunting. Also, the department will not be stocking pheasants on this property in 2005.



Nichol's Creek Wildlife Area
Sheboygan County
Pheasant stamp required (2 P.M.)

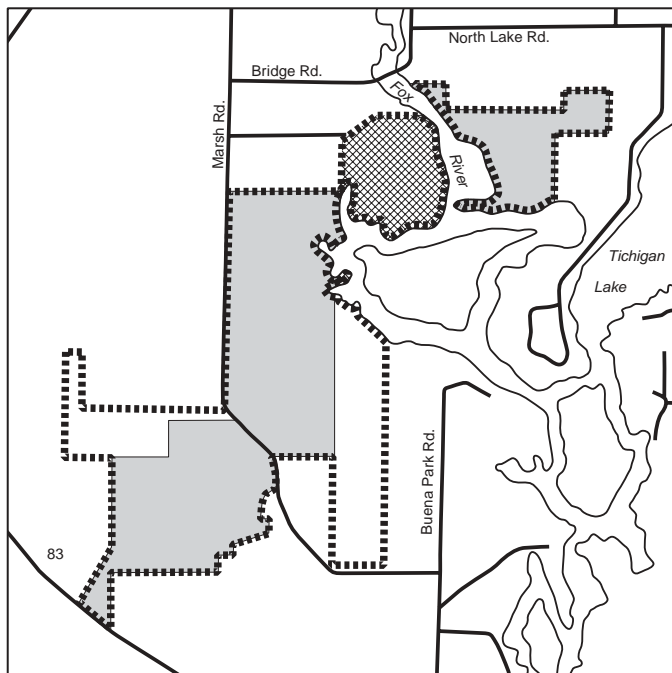


Scuppernong
Waukesha County(Both)
Kettle Moraine State Forest
Waukesha County (Permit)



Theresa Wildlife Area
Dodge and Washington Counties
Pheasant Stamp required

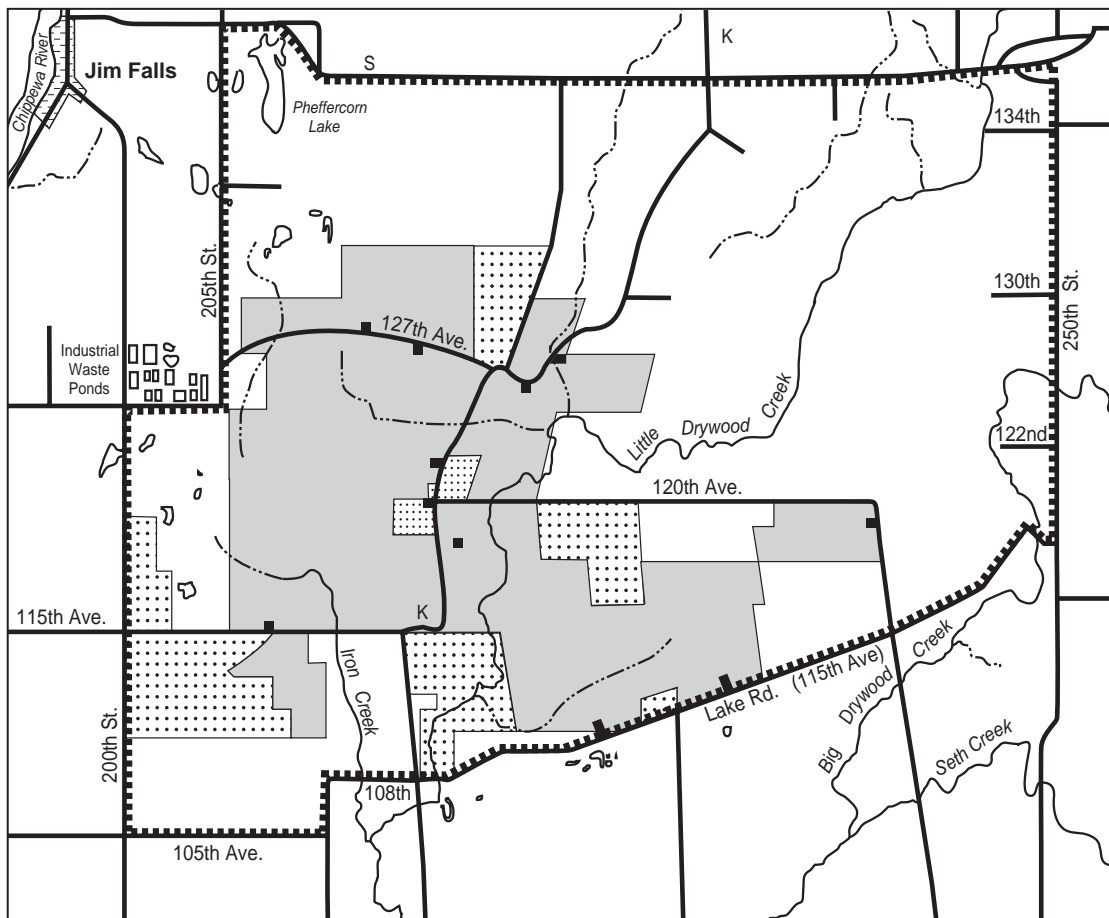
(2 P.M.)



KEY	
■ Parking Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
■ Federal or State-Owned Lands	(2 p.m.) The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
▨ No Hunting (except deer during gun season)	(Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
▩ No Hunting at Any Time	(Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.
▤ Leased or eased for Public Hunting	
▦ Municipality	

Tichigan Wildlife Area
Racine County
Pheasant stamp required

(2 P.M.)

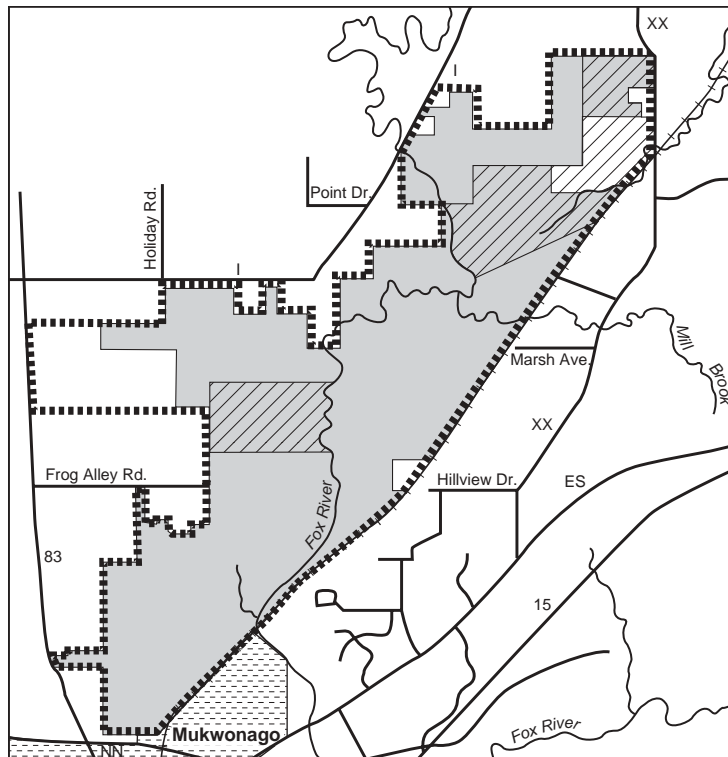


Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)
Chippewa County

(Permit)

KEY	
■ Parking Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules)
■ Federal or State-Owned Lands	(2 p.m.) The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
▨ No Hunting (except deer during gun season)	(Permit) Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
▩ No Hunting at Any Time	(Both) Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.
▤ Leased or eased for Public Hunting	
▦ Municipality	

**Keep your hunting grounds
litter free
by picking up trash
before you leave.**

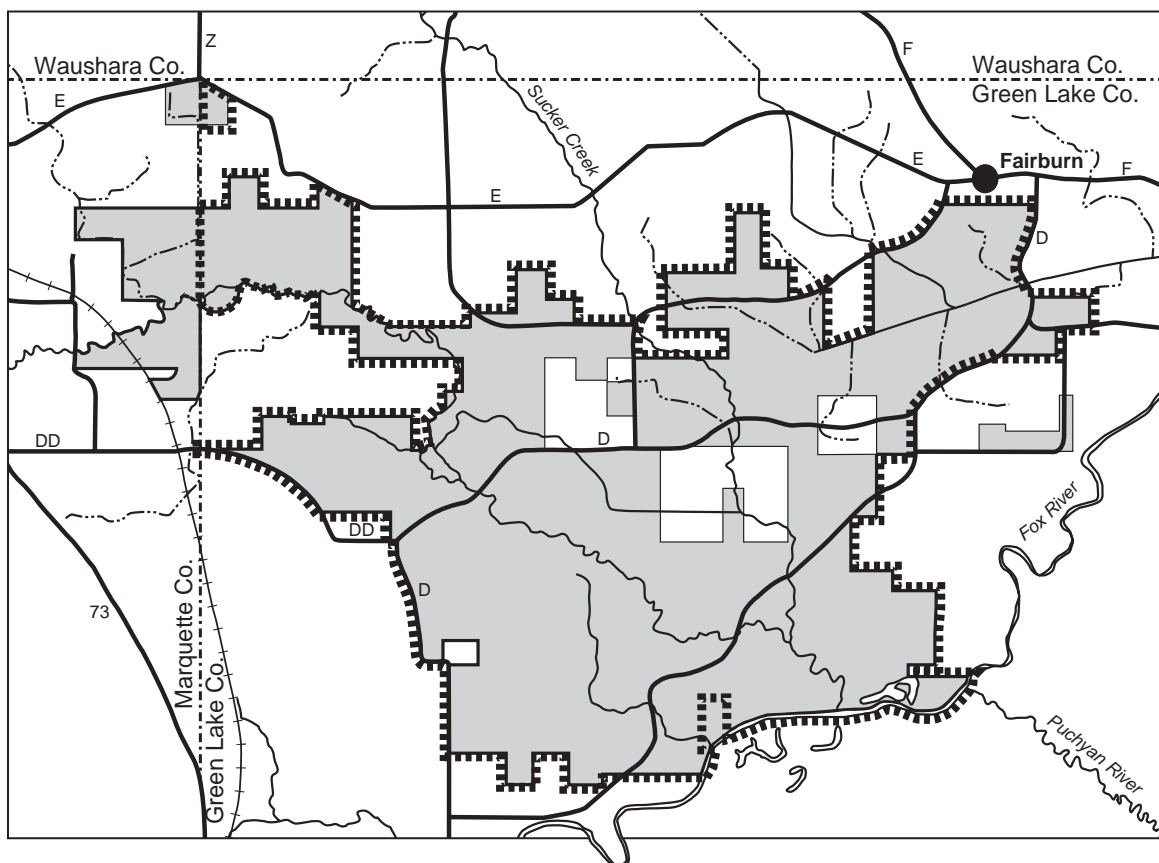


Vernon Wildlife Area
Waukesha County

(Both)

Note: The "No Hunting" area is open for pheasant hunting Dec. 1–Dec. 31.

White River
Wildlife Area
Green Lake and
Marquette Counties
(2 P.M.)
*Pheasant stamp
required*



Other Public Grounds DNR May Stock with Pheasants in 2005

Normal statewide pheasant hunting regulations apply

County	Wildlife Area	Pheasant Stamp Required
Calumet	Brillion	✓
Columbia	French Creek	✓
	Mud Lake	✓
	Pine Island	✓
Crawford	Bell Center	
Dane	Badfish Creek	✓
	Deansville	✓
	Hook Lake	✓
	Lodi Marsh	✓
Dodge	Shaw Marsh	P
Fond du Lac	Mullet Creek	P
Green	Albany	✓
	Browntown	P
	Liberty Creek	P
Iowa	Blackhawk	
Jackson	S. Beaver Creek	
	Northfield Lake	

❖ These properties have an experimental 2:00 P.M. pheasant hunting closure time every Friday from October 18 – November 28.

County	Wildlife Area	Pheasant Stamp Required
Jefferson	Jefferson Marsh	✓
	Lake Mills	✓
	Prince's Point	✓❖
	Rome Pond	✓❖
	Waterloo	✓
Lafayette	Yellowstone	✓
Marathon	McMillan	
Monroe	Ridgeville	
Racine	Beulah Station	P
	Honey Creek	P
Rock	Avon	✓
	Evansville	✓
	Footville	✓
	Lima	✓
	Storr's Lake	✓
Sheboygan	Adell	✓
	Kettle Moraine N.	✓
Vernon	La Farge	
Walworth	Clover Valley	✓
	Kettle Moraine	✓
	Troy	✓

DNR Service Centers

Office hours may vary by location. Please call ahead.

South Central Region (Fitchburg) 608-275-3266

Madison	608-266-2621
Dodgeville	608-935-3368
Horicon	920-387-7860
Janesville	608-743-4800
Poynette	608-635-8110

Southeast Region (Milwaukee) 414-263-8500

Plymouth	920-892-8756
Sturtevant	262-884-2300
Waukesha	262-574-2100

West Central Region (Eau Claire) 715-839-3700

Baldwin	715-684-2914
Black River Falls	715-284-1400
La Crosse	608-785-9000
Wausau	715-359-4522
Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7800

Northern Region (Spooner) 715-635-2101

Antigo	715-627-4317
Ashland	715-685-2900
Cumberland	715-822-3590
Hayward	715-634-2688
Ladysmith	715-532-3911
Park Falls	715-762-3204
Rhineland	715-365-8900
Superior	715-392-7988
Woodruff	715-356-5211

Northeast Region (Green Bay) 920-662-5100

Oshkosh	920-424-3050
Peshtigo	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay	920-746-2860
Wautoma	920-787-4686

This publication is available upon request in alternate formats for visually impaired persons. Please contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at (608) 266-8204 to request an alternate format.



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunity in its employment, programs, services and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to: Equal Opportunity Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240